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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to reorient the agricultural education to make it relevant to the new challenges in the context of globalisation;

(b) if so, the details of concrete steps the Government propose to take in this direction;

(c) whether the inadequate knowledge on agriculture education is posing serious concern on various agricultural issues;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to face the challenges in agricultural education;

(e) the amount spent by the Government for agricultural education in the country during last three years;

(f) whether the Government has proposed to enhance the allocation for agricultural education during the Tenth Plan Period;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b),(c)&(d): The Government is well equipped with the necessary dimensions of the knowledge of agriculture education and is addressing the issue of extending the frontiers of Education to sunrise areas of research and education which include issues of curricula, pedogy, infrastructure, human resource development, extra mural teaching in core and frontier areas.

(e) The amount spent by Central Government on agricultural education in the country during the last three years is given below :-

(Rs. in lakhs)

2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	Total
5340.50	7038.54	9884.59	22263.63

(f), (g) & (h): The allocation during the X Plan is Rs.700.12 crore as against the allocation of Rs.178.42 crore during the IX Five Year Plan.